



## **Office of the County Administrator**

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### **For Immediate Release**

Wayne County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Kenneth Miller, has declared a State of Emergency for Wayne County, NY in response to COVID-19, effective at 1 p.m. on December 6, 2021.

This State of Emergency has been declared due to Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) transmission rates which have not been seen since January 2021. The rate of new COVID-19 cases and hospital admissions has been increasing over the past month. Consequently, on November 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul, pursuant to Executive Order 11 declared a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York.

As of December 3, 2021, there were 10,642 positive cases within Wayne County, of which 768 cases remain active. There have been 89 deaths related to COVID-19. This situation continues to evolve and the threat of this virus is imminent to the citizens and visitors of Wayne County. It is necessary that Wayne County continue to be proactive and fully prepared to deal with its effects.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30) days unless rescinded.

This State of Emergency has been declared out of an abundance of caution. There are no Emergency Orders associated with this State of Emergency at this time. It does not in any way impact County operations which will continue unchanged unless otherwise advised.

Chairman Miller has directed all departments and agencies of Wayne County, NY to take appropriate steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

Employees and visitors to county buildings are reminded that they must check their temperature upon entry and wear masks at all times when in common areas.

Residents and visitors to Wayne County are encouraged to wear masks whenever possible.

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